

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 19th, 2025

Next IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS Committee meeting which will be a physical meeting, will take place on Saturday, November 22nd at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Creggan Court Hotel, Kilmartin N6 Centre, Dublin Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. The Eircode is N37 YW25. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings both physical and online. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Andy EI7IOB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

Seeking IRTS HF News Readers

The IRTS is seeking additional HF newsreaders to join our current panel of news readers for the weekly Sunday morning 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins. If any licensed IRTS member living in EI feels like that they would be interested in becoming part of the IRTS newsreaders panel or if you require more information, please get in touch with the IRTS news team via email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

Connecting with the IRTS ComReg Liaison Officer

Our IRTS ComReg Liaison Officer is Jeffrey Roe EI7IRB. His role is to maintain communications between IRTS and the ComReg team. He regularly engages with ComReg to raise members' concerns and to help clarify any regulatory or licensing queries. Maintaining a strong and constructive working relationship with the ComReg team helps ensure that discussions are productive and issues are addressed efficiently and effectively. If any member would like him to raise a matter with ComReg on their behalf, you are asked to please contact him via email to [comreg_liaison /at/ irts.ie](mailto:comreg_liaison@irts.ie)

Next Amateur Radio Licensing Course

The next HAREC course begins on Thursday, 30th of October 2025. It will be the ninth course offered by the National Shortwave Listeners Club. It will be called Class India. As before, the course is free to attend, but participants must be members of the NSWLC. Membership is free for current IRTS members. Class India will be held online via Zoom, every Thursday evening at 20:00 hours, with 26 sessions in total. The course will run until the 7th of May 2026. Zoom links will be sent directly to current NSWLC members once they follow the joining instructions. Students are also invited to take part in the optional NSWLC Sunday Socials, where they can meet tutors and experienced radio amateurs also via Zoom. For more information, or to join the NSWLC, visit swl.ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

As Monday, October 27th is a Bank Holiday, there will not be an October physical meeting of the EI2WRC group. The next physical meeting of the EI2WRC group will be the November meeting. It will take place on Monday, November 24th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University, Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur

radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend also. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

UK/EI DX SSB Contest Special Features

The UK/EI DX SSB contest, coming up on the 1st and 2nd of November, has some interesting features that should appeal to Irish stations. Every EI and GI county is a multiplier, and this makes Irish stations very popular. To encourage multiplier stations to be available in the early hours of Sunday, EI and UK stations score double points during the hours of 01:00 UTC and 04:59 UTC. This can dramatically change your score. There is also an optional team competition within the contest. Form your own team or you can join the IRTS Team. When you upload your log after the contest, simply look for the text block called "Name of Group (if applicable)" and enter IRTS Team or your team's name. Lastly, there is a new Top 10 scores page for the DX contest. Use the filters to see the top-scoring stations for all DX contests to date. For instance, EI3JE was the top-scoring EI station for the last two years in the SSB high power section. The Top 10 scores page and DX Contest rules are on the UKEICC.com website.

IARU Intruder Watch Service Newsletter

The September edition of the IARU Region 1 Intruder Watch Service newsletter has been published. In this, they note that hardly a month goes by without the appearance of new signals, which add to the long list of known emissions and intrusions on the amateur radio bands. Closer to home, Michael EI3GYB who is the national coordinator for Ireland provides a detailed and colourful list of intruders spotted over the month. This free report can be downloaded from the Monitoring System section of the IARU website located at www.iau-r1.org

SAQ scheduled to air on UN-Day Oct 24th, 2025

On Friday next, October 24th, 2025, the Grimeton Radio Station in Sweden is scheduled to transmit a message to the world using its callsign SAQ. The unique Alexanderson alternator is scheduled for one transmission over the antenna on VLF 17.2 kHz using CW. Startup is scheduled for 13:30 UTC with the message transmission planned for 14:00 UTC.

Contest Updates

The IRTS 80m counties contest takes place next Wednesday evening, October 22nd. This one-hour event starts at 20:00 UTC using CW and SSB. A SWL section is included also. The deadline for logs is November 5th. Further information including the rules may be found at www.irts.ie/contests

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email newsteam /at/ irts.ie with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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